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(54) Title: MATERIALS SUPPORT STAND**(57) Abstract**

The present invention provides an equipment support stand adapted to be used on an underground mining machine which includes at least one apparatus thereon which will utilise a plurality of interchangeable items, said stand comprising: a base adapted to stand on a surface of a said machine adjacent to said apparatus; an upstanding rack mounted to said base, the rack being shaped and configured to hold and/or support said items; and securing means for releasably securing said base to said surface.

